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PARIS

## I. DFK Paris Fellowship Regulations

The German Center for Art History Paris (DFK Paris) is an institute of the Max Weber Stiftung, a public-law foundation. It awards fellowships using funds made available to it for this purpose by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research or by third parties.

## II. Funding Objectives

The fellowships are meant to enable scholars in the humanities, particularly in the field of art history, to carry out their own research projects at the DFK Paris. These respective research projects are not prescribed by the DFK Paris. Connectivity with or a reference at the level of content to the research foci and ongoing research projects of the DFK Paris is desirable.

## III. Forms of Funding

Fellowships are generally awarded in the framework of a call for applications focusing on an annual theme. Also available are fellowships cosponsored with international research institutes as well as a limited number of research fellowships of a shorter duration on topics that relate to or complement ongoing research at the DFK Paris.

## IV. Profile of Candidates

The fellowships are awarded to applicants who have completed a university education in the humanities (preferably in art history) with above-average performance. In exceptional cases, applicants may also be in the final phase of their Master's thesis. Research projects should align thematically with the annual theme or research foci of the DFK Paris or with the announcement for a cosponsored fellowship and should make a significant contribution to research.

## V. Duration of Funding

1. Annual fellowships (12 months)
2. Research fellowships (3 months)

## VI. Scope of Funding

1. Fellowship Base Amount

The **base amount will be 1,750 euros per month**. This base amount covers the costs for room and board as well as expenses for insurance, if applicable (see XII, no. 2).

2. Lump Sum for Research-Related Costs

In addition, the DFK provides a **monthly lump sum of 250 euros** for necessary travel (including travel to and from the institute), public transit within the Île-de-France, and the acquisition of research materials (literature, fees, small devices, etc.). It is not necessary to account for the use of the research allowance.



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### 3. Benefits for Families

For children up to the age of 18, a **child allowance** is paid in the form of a monthly lump sum. An amount of 400 euros per month is provided for the first accompanying child and 100 euros per month for each additional accompanying child. A birth certificate for the child/children must be shown in order to receive the allowance.

## VII. Application Documents

The written application must include a cover letter as well as a detailed exposé and work plan for the research project. Annual fellowships (V, no. 1) usually relate to the annual theme or to institutional cooperation. It is also possible to award fellowships without a thematic specification. The theme of a research fellowship (V, no. 2) should relate to the history of art in France or its international context and offer points of contact with the topics worked on at the DFK.

The granting of a fellowship requires an expert opinion from an academic instructor or another proven representative of the field.

The applications must also include:

- a CV explicating the individual circumstances of the applicant, their course of study, and the period of study (semesters),
- a doctoral diploma, if applicable,
- the above-mentioned expert opinion from a teaching or supervising individual,
- a bibliography.

Additional documents may be requested as part of the application-review process.

## VIII. Selection of Recipients

The fellowships are awarded by a selection committee chaired by the director of the DFK Paris. The committee usually includes the deputy director, the codirector of the annual theme if applicable, and two scientific research leaders. In the case of cosponsored fellowships, selection is made with representatives of the partner organization.

There is no entitlement to a fellowship. Fellowship offers are always subject to the availability of budgetary resources. A fellowship commitment does not establish an employment relationship with the Max Weber Stiftung (DFK Paris).

## IX. Deduction of Other Income and Contributions from Third Parties

Income from active employment will be offset against the fellowship payments. Likewise, lump-sum living allowances and, if applicable, non-cash benefits from other funding organizations will also be taken into account.

If a benefit for families is claimed (VI, no. 3), benefits granted to the fellow under the Gesetz zum Elterngeld und zur Elternzeit (Bundeselterngeld- und Elternzeitgesetz – BEEG) or other comparable laws (e.g. in France, *caisse d'allocation familial*) will be offset against the fellowship benefits.



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## X. Data Protection

In accordance with the requirements of Art. 13, 14, and 21 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we refer to the [Data Protection policy](#) on our website.

## XI. Obligations

By accepting a fellowship from the DFK Paris, you commit yourself to recognize and act in accordance with [The Max Weber Foundation Rules to Ensure Good Academic Practices](#). You are obliged to take part as actively as possible in the scientific program of the DFK Paris and, through your engagement, to contribute to the intellectual life of the institute and the exchange of expertise among the scientists. The fellows make a commitment to live in Paris for the duration of the fellowship.

You agree to the publication of your research project on the DFK Paris website and other channels as well as its inclusion in the annual report of the DFK Paris.

By accepting the fellowship, you commit to use the resources of the DFK Paris sparingly so that as many individuals as possible can benefit from the research infrastructure.

You cannot act as a representative of the DFK Paris or the Max Weber Stiftung to the outside world, and you are obliged to comply with the house rules and instructions of the DFK staff. Please treat your work equipment with care and report any loss as soon as possible.

The institute's internal information may not be carried outside. Personal data may not be passed on to third parties without consent unless the use of this data is permitted by law.

## XII. Important Notes

### 1. General

- The fellowship does not establish an employment relationship; it is not remuneration in the sense of § 14 SGB IV (Sozialgesetzbuch).
- You are responsible for observing legal and other regulations when carrying out your research project.
- Before accepting the fellowship, please enquire about possible entry restrictions for France and/or travel warnings.<sup>1</sup> You are responsible for procuring any necessary visas. The DFK Paris cannot take on visa fees.

### 2. Insurance

#### 2.1. Social Insurance

Fellowship recipients are self-employed. Social security contributions can therefore not be covered.

#### 2.2. Tax Liability

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere-et-son-reseau/organisation-et-annuaires/ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger/>



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If the fellowship has tax implications in the state in which you are registered as a taxpayer, handing this falls under your responsibility.

### 2.3. Health Insurance

You are responsible for insurance against illness. Please inform yourself about sufficient insurance coverage in a timely manner, especially for the periods of your stay in France, which is not readily covered by existing insurance policies. Inquire with your health insurance firm about details.

### 2.4. Pension Insurance

Please inquire with experts at your pension insurance firm about this complex subject and about the options for voluntary continued coverage during the fellowship period.

### 2.5. Liability Insurance

We recommend taking out liability insurance so that you are covered in the event that you inflict damage on others.

## **XIII. Report of Results (1 page maximum)**

At the conclusion of the funding period, we expect a short report on the results, which will assist us in consistently reviewing the funding lines, the quality and amenities of the DFK Paris, and the scientific offering. We are also eager to learn what improvements can be made.

## **XIV. Effective Date**

The fellowship regulations come into effect on 1 September 2022. This replaces all prior fellowship regulations.

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Prof. Dr. Thomas Kirchner

